

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its South San Francisco District.

Application 03-10-017
(Filed October 1, 2003)

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Stockton District.

Application 03-10-018
(Filed October 1, 2003)

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Mid-Peninsula District.

Application 03-10-019
(Filed October 1, 2003)

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Salinas District.

Application 03-10-020
(Filed October 1, 2003)

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Bakersfield District.

Application 03-10-021
(Filed October 1, 2003)

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Salinas District (excluding the service areas of the County Meadows Mutual Water System and the Indian Springs Mutual Water System).

Application 03-10-031
(Filed October 1, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

A coordinated Prehearing Conference (PHC) in these six proceedings will be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday December 2, 2003, in the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102.

1. Parties to Proceedings

In each of the six proceedings, the applicant is California Water Service Company. To date, no protest has been filed to the applications. Applicant and any subsequent parties to these proceedings are referred to herein as "parties," and they shall comply with this ruling.

2. Issues to be Addressed

By separate applications, applicant seeks the Commission's approval of rate adjustment for years 2004 through 2007 for each of its six districts: South San Francisco, Stockton, Mid-Peninsula, Salinas (2 districts), and Bakersfield.

The PHC will address the possibility of consolidation of the six proceedings, the sufficiency of the applications, the issues to be litigated, the need for any discovery, the need for public participation hearings, the schedule for subsequent proceedings, and any other matters that should be discussed.

3. PHC Statements

On or before November 26, 2003, each party shall file and serve a PHC statement (Rule 6.2.). The PHC statement will address the issues, schedule, and any matter related to the applicability of Rule 2.5 to this proceeding. The party shall also identify and discuss anything else necessary for an expeditious and efficient completion of this proceeding. In addition to normal service of these

statements, parties shall e-mail their PHC statements to the Administrative Law Judge jet@cpuc.ca.gov.

4. Service of Pleadings

Parties shall also come to the PHC prepared to discuss the desirability of adopting a rule that service of pleadings in this proceeding will be by electronic mail, without concurrent service of a paper copy (Rule 2.3(b).). If adopted, however, this rule would not vacate the Commissioner's rules regarding filing of paper copies, Rule 2.5, or the need to serve paper copies on any party without an electronic mail address.

5. Transcripts

Parties who desire an expedited or daily transcript should advise the Chief Hearing Reporter by telephone at (415) 703-2288 no later than three days prior to the PHC. Questions regarding the date, time or place for the PHC should be directed to the Calendar Clerk at (415) 703-1203.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated November 12, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JOHN E. THORSON

John E. Thorson
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Prehearing Conference on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 12, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS

Elizabeth Lewis

N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

The Commission's policy is to schedule hearings (meetings, workshops, etc.) in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. To verify that a particular location is accessible, call: Calendar Clerk (415) 703-1203.

If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, e.g., sign language interpreters, those making the arrangements must call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074, TTY 1-866-836-7825 or (415) 703-5282 at least three working days in advance of the event.